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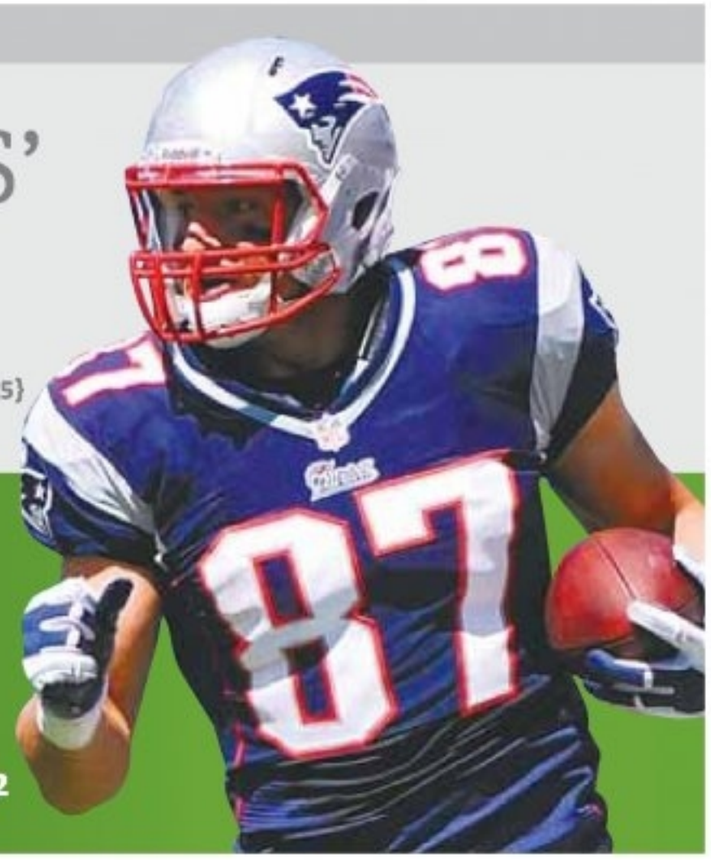

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DA seeking help to solve 20-year-old cold case

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Still hunting local killer, 20 years later

New billboards along I-93, 495, will seek help finding killer of Logan worker ◗ Saugus woman found dead 20 years ago today ◗ Her mother says she will not give up her search

Standing at the Revere auto shop where her daughter's beaten and stabbed body was found in the trunk of her own car two decades ago, Marlene Taraskiewicz spoke directly to the people who can help solve the murder.

"You know who you are and it doesn't matter where you are. Please come forward. Bring peace to my family and bring justice to Susan," said Marlene Taraskiewicz.

Today marks the 20th anniversary of the still unsolved murder of Susan Taraskiewicz, who was 27 and worked at Logan Airport as a baggage supervisor for Northwest Airlines.

She left the airport early on Sept. 13 to pick up sandwiches for her and co-workers. Her beaten and stabbed body was found nearly two days later in the trunk of her Toyota at the Revere auto body shop where yesterday her mother and authorities pleaded for more clues and announced that billboards seeking information were being put up.

Clear Channel Outdoors donated the billboards, which display a picture of Taraskiewicz, her car and a phone number for tips.

Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley said authorities remain optimistic that they can solve the case despite the time that has passed. He said because Taraskiewicz was a local woman — living in Saugus, working at Logan and having many friends in the area – it is likely her killer was local, too.

"It stands to reason that the person or persons who killed her may have been local as well, with friends or girlfriends who still live in the area," Conley said. "Our best shot at solving Susan's murder will be someone with direct knowledge of the person or persons who committed it."

During prior anniversaries of her daughter's death, Marlene Taraskiewicz stood outside Logan holding handmade signs letting people know about her daughter's death. She continued the vigil for 18 years, but last year decided not to go to Logan since Northwest no longer exists.

However, her passion to find her daughter's killer hasn't faded.

"She was a good girl. I will never give up. I will never go away," she said yesterday.

Anyone with information can call 617-727-8817.

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Susan Taraskiewicz was murdered
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▶ Marlene Taraskiewicz holds red and white carnations that she later placed along a fence at the auto shop where her daughter's body was found.

Quoted

"Our best shot at solving Susan's murder will be someone with direct knowledge of the person or persons who committed it."
CONLEY

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The number of digital billboards that went up yesterday seeking help in the Taraskiewicz case. Two are located on I-93 in Medford, another is off of the same roadway in Stoneham and the fourth is off of I-495 in Lawrence. They will be up for about a month.

Credit cards

Conley said authorities have examined a credit card scam involving Taraskiewicz's co-workers as a potential avenue for the murder. The scam involved other Northwest workers who were eventually arrested and sent to prison.
In the weeks before Taraskiewicz's death, other baggage handlers were subpoenaed to testify about hundreds of stolen credit cards that were shipped aboard Northwest flights and picked up from bags that arrived in Boston. METRO

In the news

$60M

A pair of alumni donated $60 million to Northeastern University, the school announced yesterday. It is the largest gift in the university's history. The school announced that it will rename its business school the D'Amore-McKim School of Business in honor of donors Richard D'Amore and Alan McKim. It will be the first college or school to be named at Northeastern, according to the university's website. METRO

Correction

A photo in Tuesday's Metro incorrectly identified students exiting the Middle School Academy. The students were in fact exiting the UP Academy Charter School, which shares a building with the Middle School Academy. Metro regrets the error.

In the news

Police hunt bank robber who is possibly pregnant

BOSTON. Police are asking for the public's help locating a woman who allegedly robbed a downtown bank this week and surveillance photos show she may have had an involuntary accomplice.

Surveillance photographs released by police Tuesday show

the woman sporting a baby bump. Police, however, did not include her being pregnant in their suspect description. It was not clear if the woman was actually pregnant or was using a disguise.

The woman fled with an undisclosed amount of cash from the Citizens Bank at 28 State St., just after 12:30 p.m. Monday. METRO

Cops: Man attacks Somerville woman with weed whacker

SOMERVILLE. A Medford man was charged with assault after he allegedly attacked a woman with a weed whacker and was then beaten up by three men who witnessed the attack.

Robert Tiernan, 50, was gardening Sunday afternoon with the tool when his neighbors asked him to stop, according to the Somerville Journal. He refused and allegedly began swinging the weed whacker, hitting a woman in the arm.

He left when someone called police, but three men followed him and attacked him.

Tiernan told police he lost his balance when one of the men threw a beer bottle at him, causing the accidental whacking.

The other men will be summonsed to court for the attack. METRO

Murray talks about potential run

BOSTON. In the week since he indicated publicly that he will seriously consider running for governor in 2014, Lt. Gov. Tim Murray has heard from "a lot of people glad I am taking a hard look at it," he said yesterday. Murray said he will not make a final decision until after the Nov. 6 elections. He said he is focused on his job as lieutenant governor and does not think about the corner office unless questioned about it. SHNS

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Romney-blasting billboard removed

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▶ The billboard was taken down yesterday, less than 24 hours after its debut.

A billboard that was put up Tuesday advertising cheating and blasting presidential candidate Mitt Romney was reportedly being taken down yesterday, less than a day after it was put up on Dorchester Avenue in South Boston.

Noel Biderman, founder of the extra-marital dating site AshleyMadison.com, told Metro yesterday that "it doesn't feel like 2012 America."

"We should all be pushing toward commercial advertising freedom," Biderman said in a phone interview from London. While on the phone, Biderman said he got a text message saying that the billboard would be taken down, although details as to why were still unclear.

The billboard featured a photo of Romney making a "Shhh" gesture with his finger over his lips, alongside the quip, "If cheating on your taxes is OK ... so is AshleyMadison.com."

The advertisement came on the heels of Larry Flynt's $1 million offer for damaging information regarding Romney's "unreleased tax returns and details of his offshore accounts."

"I'm not saying that it's OK to cheat on your taxes — but if someone is going to be the president of the United States, and behaves that way, then let's stop judging people who make other choices in their personal lives," Biderman said, referring to people who have affairs.

Quoted

"Mitt Romney's aversion to paying his fair share proves he'll have no problem cheating on the American people."

BIDERMAN

The website has been active since 2001, and connects people who are in relationships but looking to cheat.

Attempts to reach Mitt Romney's camp for comment were unsuccessful yesterday afternoon.

Biderman said he hoped the billboard will bring even more attention to what he calls "Romney's shady dealings and hidden assets."

"While we've always maintained that how a politician leads his personal life should not affect his policies, Mitt Romney's aversion to paying his fair share proves he'll have no problem cheating on the American people," Biderman said.

In the past, Ashley Madison has used similar billboards at the expense of prominent figures, like Prince Charles, Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich.

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In the news

City, teachers finally agree on contract

BOSTON. While a strike in Chicago has left children and teachers out of school for days, more than two years of negotiations in Boston finally came to an end yesterday when the city and union officials agreed on a new teachers contract.

The six-year contract will be retroactive to August 2010 and will include a 12-percent salary raise over the contract length, according to the city.

The union and the school committee must still approve the agreement. **METRO**

MBTA going green with solar pact

BOSTON. In an effort to increase renewable energy, the MassDOT Board of Directors unanimously voted yesterday to install solar panels at two MBTA sites in order to save an estimated $48,900 each year, or $978,000 over the course of the 20-year contract.

Gehrlicher Solar America Corporation will install the panels at Readville Yard 5 in Dedham and the Wonderland Parking Garage in Revere, and MBTA will buy 100 percent of the electricity they generate.

Mike Donaghy, the MBTA's energy efficiency manager, said they will be installed between June and September of 2013.

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▶ "The first time my wife met me, she looked at me like '... what?' " Mostafa Adel Ismail says. "Now, when she sees skinny men, she asks, 'Are they sick or something?'"

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Boston-area bloke boasts biggest biceps worldwide

▶ Franklin man in Guinness World Records ▶ 24-year-old got his 'guns' drinking protein shakes and pumping iron ▶ 'Don't be scared,' he says

When 24-year-old Mostafa Adel Ismail moved to the U.S. from his native Egypt in 2009, he never expected his favorite hobby would land him in Guinness World Records.

But with just a few thousand hours of pumping iron, and lots of money spent guzzling protein shakes, the gas station attendant is now enjoying a frenzy of fame — only his biceps are getting the bulk of it.

"People stop me everywhere, even at the gas station where I work, and want to take pictures. I say, 'Why not?' I'm not rude. I'm not going to try to hide myself, because I can't," said Ismail, who is featured with the world's largest biceps in the Guinness World Records 2013 edition, released today.

Ismail has a right upper-arm circumference of 25 inches flexed, and 24 inches while relaxed. His left upper-arm is even bigger, coming in at 25.5 inches flexed, and 24.5 inches while at rest.

Ismail attributes his big guns to good genes, loads of workouts — he pumps iron about two hours each day and up to four hours on his days off.

"When I work out, all the blood flows through my muscles, making me satisfied. Apparently, 10 years is enough for my body to get pumped up quickly," Ismail said.

In his interview with Metro, the Franklin resident said his biceps often cause a stir, whether it is his wife getting jealous of the attention he gets, or people cowering in fear.

"There is no need to be scared. I'm so friendly," he said, adding that his biggest pet peeve is when people ask whether he does steroids.

"They think just because I'm this big, I must take it," he said.

Ismail said that despite being a world record holder, he is still not satisfied with his arms.

"I love my arms like this, but I feel like I need to add more. I know that I have big biceps, but I really want them even bigger, and I know that I can do it."

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Eat your heart out, Popeye

- The measurement of Ismail's biceps and triceps were taken in Franklin, and verified on Nov. 24, 2011.
- Ismail said he spends roughly half his salary on protein shakes and natural testosterone tablets.
- He has worked out about two hours a day, for 10 years, for a total of roughly 7,300 hours of lifting.

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Closing bar to hold Irish wake

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▶ It's time to pay your last respects to this staple on the Freedom Trail.

After 32 years of business, The Purple Shamrock, an iconic Boston Irish bar on Union Street frequented by locals and tourists alike, is set to close for good.

But the bar decided it will go out in style, and offer its patrons a chance to bid a final adieu with a "traditional Irish wake" today.

The day of mourning kicks off at 12:30 p.m., with a funeral procession through Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall, and down Congress Street complete with bagpipes, whiskey and a casket full of purple shamrocks.

Organizers of the event said the casket will be laid at its "final resting place" inside The Purple Shamrock, where "food, music and stout will flow freely, helping to drown the sorrows of patrons as they reminisce about the good days shared amongst friends."

Prayer cards will be distributed and a purple guest book will be displayed at the door for guests to pay their respects and sign as they arrive.

Limited edition "Last Call" Purple Shamrock T-shirts will also be available for purchase.

"For 32 years, The Purple Shamrock has brought people from all over together," said Paul Wilson, director of operations at The Glynn Group. "While we are sad to see the Shamrock close on Sept. 15, we are excited about some possibilities of a reincarnation in the future."

Closing day will fall on the halfway point to St. Patrick's Day.

To pay homage to the bar's most celebrated holiday, owners will offer a "last call" and will feature a few items from their St. Patty's Day menu, complete with green beer, Jameson Irish Whiskey and live music.

A message on the bar's website asks patrons to "dress in their best St. Patrick's Day garb."

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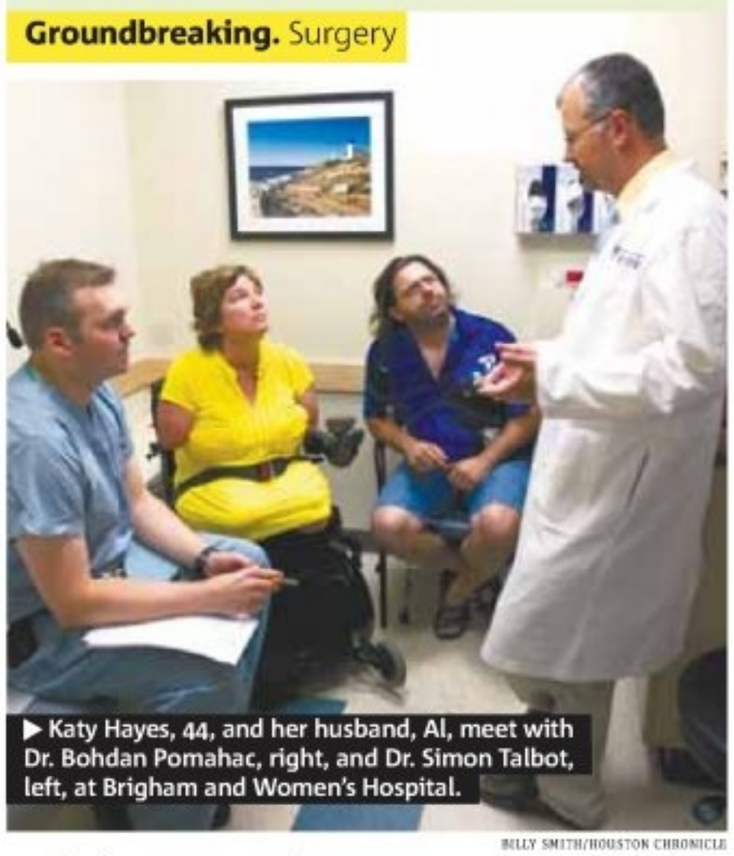

▶ Katy Hayes, 44, and her husband, Al, meet with Dr. Bohdan Pomahac, right, and Dr. Simon Talbot, left, at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

BILLY SMITH/HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Brigham to do arm transplant

Doctors at Brigham and Women's Hospital announced yesterday that they have approved a Texas mother for the first "experimental" double arm transplant surgery in the U.S. Katy Hayes became a quadruple amputee when she got an infection after giving birth to her third child in 2010. METRO

Boston's first ice bar to open in Faneuil Hall

Are you ready for a frosty brew in an even frostier environment?

Boston is about to get its first bar made of ice. Frost Ice Bar is scheduled to open in Faneuil Hall next spring, the company announced yesterday.

The venue will be constructed and furnished entirely of ice, which means the indoor temperatures will be kept at a shiver-inducing 24 degrees, the Frost Group said in its announcement.

"While Boston is traditionally defined by its history and heritage, the city is today brimming with a new energy that supports a trendsetting dining and nightlife scene," Frost Group CEO Cindy Brown said. "Ice bars around the world have proven to be sensationally popular among a broad range of audiences and we believe Frost Ice Bar will be equally well received in New England." METRO/MN

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US ambassador to Libya killed in attack

The U.S. ambassador to Libya and three embassy staff were killed in an attack on the Benghazi consulate and a safe house refuge, stormed by Islamist gunmen blaming America for a film they said insulted the Prophet Mohammad.

Gunmen attacked and set fire to the U.S. consulate in the eastern city of Benghazi, the cradle of last year's U.S.-backed uprising against Muammar Gaddafi's 42-year rule. Another assault was mounted on the U.S. embassy in Cairo.

President Barack Obama branded it an "outrageous attack" and ordered increased security at U.S. diplomatic posts worldwide.

Violence also threatened to spread to other Muslim countries. By nightfall yesterday, 24 hours after the attacks in Egypt and Libya, police were firing teargas at angry demonstrators outside the U.S. embassy in Tunisia.

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▶ A vehicle and the surrounding area are engulfed in flames after it was set on fire inside the U.S. consulate compound in Benghazi late Tuesday.

The attacks could alter U.S. attitudes towards the wave of revolutions across the Arab world, which toppled secularist authoritarian leaders in Egypt, Libya and Tunisia, bringing Islamists to power.

The violence could influence a close-fought U.S. presidential election, in which Obama's challenger Mitt Romney has accused him of not defending U.S. interests robustly enough.

Romney issued a statement criticizing Obama's initial response; the president's campaign responded by accusing him of scoring political points at a time of national tragedy.

It was not immediately clear precisely how or where California-born ambassador Christopher Stevens was killed during the assault. Stevens was a key player when the Obama administration supported the anti-Gaddafi insurgency.

REUTERS

Stevens bio

▶ Ambassador Stevens

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- Stevens, 52, had been ambassador to Libya since May.
- An Arabic and French speaker, he served as deputy chief of mission in Tripoli between 2007 and 2009, in the waning years of Muammar Gaddafi's mercurial and brutal rule.
- Stevens grew up in California, graduated from Berkeley and worked in North Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer.
- Stevens taught English in Morocco before joining the foreign service, where he worked in the Middle East and North Africa.
- Tributes poured in to honor Stevens.

Unprepared for intense attack

"The Libyan security forces came under heavy fire and we were not prepared for the intensity of the attack," said Abdel-Monem Al-Hurr, spokesman for Libya's Supreme Security Committee.

U.S. ambassadors in such volatile countries as Libya are accompanied by tight security, usually traveling in well-protected convoys. Diplomatic missions are normally protected by Marines or other special forces.

Libya's interim government has struggled to impose its authority on a myriad of armed groups that refused to lay down their weapons and often take the law into their own hands.

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Apple takes wraps off iPhone 5

Apple Inc. took the wraps off its fastest, thinnest iPhone yesterday, packing a much larger screen and 4G capability on the fifth version of the smartphone that helped it become the world's most valuable corporation.

The iPhone 5 will go on sale Friday from $199, sporting a 4-inch "retina" display, ability to surf a high-speed 4G LTE wireless network and a weight that's is 20 percent lighter than the previous iPhone 4S.

CEO Tim Cook, who took over from the company's late co-founder Steve Jobs last year, faces pressure to keep Apple at the forefront of the industry.

The latest iPhone comes as Apple tries to fend off competition that has reached fever-pitch. Google Inc.'s Android has become the most-used mobile operating system in the world, while key supplier and rival Samsung Electronics has taken the lead in smartphone sales.

$199

The iPhone 5 will go on sale tomorrow from $199.

Rivals have been first to market with phones that have bigger displays or run on faster wireless networks. Apple closed that gap with the unveiling of the newest iPhone.

Now, Microsoft Corp is pushing its Windows Phone 8 operating system as a third alternative to Apple and Google's.

The iPhone 5 will hitch a ride on the three largest U.S. carriers — Verizon Wireless, AT&T Inc. and Sprint, marketing chief Phil Schiller told a packed auditorium at the Yerba Buena Center in San Francisco.

One enhancement was improved battery endurance — the iPhone 5's power core can support eight hours of 4G Web browsing. **REUTERS**

JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks during an Apple special event at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts yesterday.

Faster processor

- The iPhone 5 comes with Apple's newest "A6" processor, which executives claimed runs twice as fast as the previous generation. It will have three microphones and an 8-megapixel camera that can take pictures in higher resolutions.
- Analysts have forecast sales of 10 million to 12 million of the new smartphones this month alone.
- Apple has sold more than 243 million iPhones since its 2007 arrival, and the device proceeded to upend the industry and helped usher in the current applications ecosystem.
- Apple also is making a lot of headway in a corporate market that has been dominated by struggling smartphone maker Research In Motion.

Google rivalry

Yesterday's event highlighted Apple's growing rivalry with Google, the maker of the Android operating system that powers about half the world's smartphones. Apple introduced its own mapping software to replace Google and also removed Google's online video service, YouTube, from the batch of applications preinstalled on the iPhone.

Yesterday's announcement is among the most highly anticipated technology events of the year. At TechCrunch's Disrupt technology conference under way in San Francisco this week, a whole panel was dedicated to digesting Apple's news. **BLOOMBERG**

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In the news

Romney's account of Egypt embassy attack flawed

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has attacked the Obama administration for sympathizing with radical Islamists after the U.S. embassy in Cairo was breached by protesters, but his account of the events in Egypt is flawed.

At the center of his criticism is a statement by the embassy condemning a film about the Prophet Mohammad that angered Islamists who stormed the building on Tuesday and burned the U.S. flag. The American ambassador to Libya and three embassy staff were killed in an attack in Benghazi to protest the same movie.

Romney said the embassy in Cairo issued the statement denouncing the film — called "Innocence of Muslims" — after the mission in Egypt was stormed, arguing that this shows President Barack Obama is weak in the face of opposition abroad.

But the embassy statement was issued several hours before the protests in Egypt began, according to Reuters journalists in Cairo. In an apparent attempt to head off any demonstrations, the embassy posted the statement on its Facebook page on Tuesday morning local time.

Romney has made the timing of the statement the key part of his attack on Obama as they compete in a tight race for the Nov. 6 presidential election.

"The embassy in Cairo put out a statement after their grounds had been breached. Protesters were inside the grounds. They reiterated that statement after the breach. I think it is a terrible course for America to stand in apology for our values," he said in Florida on Wednesday. **REUTERS**

▶ GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney got his time line wrong.

Poll: Rise in US optimism giving Obama a boost

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▶ President Barack Obama is traveling to Nevada and Colorado for two days of campaign events.

Americans are becoming more optimistic about the direction of the country, giving a boost to President Barack Obama in the final stretch of the race for the White House, a Reuters/Ipsos poll showed on Wednesday.

The telephone poll, conducted Sept. 7-10, showed 39 percent of Americans believed the country was moving in the right direction, while a still-high 55 percent believed it was on the wrong track.

The numbers represented a sizable change from August, when 31 percent of those surveyed thought the country was going in the right direction and 64 percent on the wrong track.

It was the highest level for the "right direction" rating since April 2010.

The numbers are the latest positive sign for the Democratic incumbent, who polls show is slightly ahead of Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney in the race to the Nov. 6 election.

"It's good news for Obama, frankly, because the more people who think things are going in the right direction now, the easier it will be for him to get reelected," said Ipsos pollster Julia Clark.

"It's possible that this is the beginning of an improvement of perceptions in how things are going in the economy."
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"As that number begins to creep up, it's all good news for the party in power."

The poll was conducted by telephone with 1,089 adults and is considered an accurate measure within 3.1 percentage points of how the entire U.S. adult population would have responded if surveyed.

Asked whom they would vote for if the election were held today, 48 percent said they would vote for Obama and 45 percent said they would support Romney. The three percentage-point difference was in line with Reuters/Ipsos daily online tracking polls.

Recent polls have indicated that Obama left last week's Democratic National Convention with a small "bounce" after months of being a neck-and-neck race with Romney, a former Massachusetts governor. **REUTERS**

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NO CREDIT WHERE CREDIT'S DUE

According to the postconvention electoral math, all plausible paths to victory for Mitt Romney require winning Ohio, a swing state that will increasingly become the focus of attention for the campaigns and the media as Election Day approaches.

Last weekend, Public Policy Polling asked likely Ohio voters the following question: "Who deserves more credit for the killing of Osama bin Laden — Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?" Only 38 percent of Republicans answered "President Obama." Unbelievably, 47 percent answered "not sure" and 15 percent answered "Mitt Romney!"

Perhaps if SEAL Team Six had been smuggled silently into the compound atop a team of Parkour-running dressage horses, the 62 percent of Ohio Republicans that do not believe Barack Obama deserves more credit than Mitt Romney for killing Osama bin Laden would seem slightly less ridiculous.

But faced with the less whimsical reality, it is difficult, if not downright terrifying, to imagine why someone would answer "Mitt Romney."

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But to insist that the sitting president deserves zero credit ... is indicative of the sad fact that Republican politics more closely resembles a blood feud than a set of policies.

In fact, the greater cause for concern is the 47 percent who answered "not sure." Because PPP polled likely voters, who tend to pay more attention to politics than their counterparts, it's hard to interpret "not sure" to mean "I don't know" — who doesn't know by now how Osama bin Laden was killed? Rather, for many of these Ohio republicans, "not sure" probably meant "none of the above" — as in neither Barack Obama nor Mitt Romney deserves any credit.

Perhaps these Republicans believe that the Bush administration or the military deserves the credit, and that President Obama's contribution was negligible at best. But to insist that the sitting president deserves zero credit — that he is no more responsible for Osama bin Laden's death than Mitt Romney — is indicative of the sad fact that Republican politics more closely resembles a blood feud than a set of policies competing in good faith to solve difficult problems.

For those Republicans, all solutions, by definition, can only ever be Republican; all failures, Democrat.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Giuliana and Bill Rancic welcome their new son

Well, well, well, hello there! I'm back from maternity leave, 30 pounds heavier, covered in rancid baby milk cheese and raring to give you today's dose of celebrity gossip. So what did I miss? Are **Kristen Stewart** and **Robert Pattinson** still totally in love? Does **Chris Brown** continue to be an upstanding citizen? Are **Katie Holmes** and **Tom Cruise** still Scientology's "it" couple? No? Really? Huh. Next thing you'll tell me is that the entire world over has seen **Prince Harry**'s naked, ginger tush drunkenly cavorting in a Las Vegas hotel room.

In any case, it is a pleasure to announce that today's first item is a bit of good gossip — **Giuliana** and **Bill Rancic** are showing off their new baby boy on the cover of this week's Life & Style. Named **Edward Duke** (someone's been watching "Downton Abbey"), the baby came into the world via gestational carrier in late August. Giuliana, of course, has had a doozy of a past few years — she's struggled with infertility and had a double mastectomy in 2011 after a diagnosis of breast cancer — so this little bundle is a very welcome addition indeed. "I couldn't believe that all those years of struggling and the tears actually paid off," Giuliana tells Life & Style. "Every shot, every doctor's visit — in the end, when you're holding your baby in your arms, you forget it all, and it's worth it."

Agreed. Enjoy that rancid baby milk cheese, Giuliana!

▶ And baby makes three.

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'Traveling Pants' make their way to South Carolina

"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" gals put on their magical slacks and vavoomed (or however the sound of traveling pants goes) their way to South Carolina to see one of their co-stars get hitched. **America Ferrera**, **Amber Tamblyn** and **Alexis Bledel**, **Blake Lively**'s co-stars in 2005's "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" and 2008's "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2," were all there to see Lively wed **Ryan Reynolds** in South Carolina over the weekend.

Even more details on that magical, secret wedding were revealed yesterday, including their vows. "They promised to support and love each other and to make each other laugh," a source tells People in this week's cover story. The groom "said he would treasure Blake; she said she would adore him. The whole time they were beaming."

Just so we're up to speed, as I'm sure this quickie wedding will be a continuing presence in this column: Blake is 25. Reynolds is 35. Reynolds married his first wife, **Scarlett Johansson**, when she was 23; they divorced two years later. Glad to see he's learned his lesson and is getting into more mature women.

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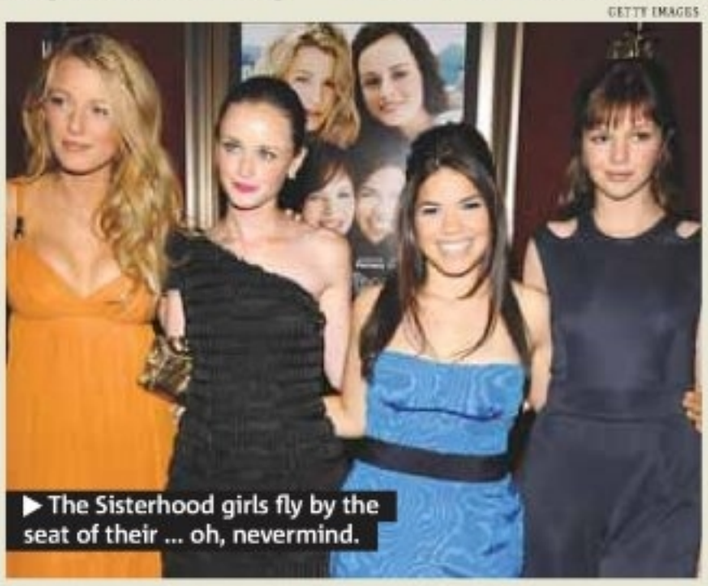

▶ The Sisterhood girls fly by the seat of their ... oh, nevermind.

Talking points

Twins for Paquin and Moyer

"True Blood" stars **Anna Paquin** and **Stephen Moyer** became parents twice, according to Hollyscoop. "We can confirm that Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer recently welcomed their twins into the world," their rep announces. "The babies were born a few weeks early, but are in good health, and both mom and dad are overjoyed." The twins mark the first children for Paquin, while Moyer has two children from a previous marriage.

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▶ Paquin, Moyer

Klum and Seal are in a happy place

In news that may be surprising considering their recent public squabbling, estranged couple **Heidi Klum** and **Seal** are actually in an "OK place," according to Klum. "I don't know if we're the greatest friends right now, especially because of the things that he said," Klum tells **Katie Couric** during an interview for her new talk show. "We're in an OK place." Klum adds that the constant attention hasn't made processing their breakup any easier: "It's hard, especially when you are in the public eye, too. People are always looking at you closely and at everything you do. And they also don't always see exactly how it really is," she says.

Are they or aren't they?

When **Kristen Stewart** told The Associated Press last week that she and **Robert Pattinson** would "be fine," maybe she knew more than she was letting on, as sources say the pair are secretly back together, according to Lainey Gossip. "It was communicated to people during the Toronto International Film Festival that they are [back together], but they're worried about how it might affect [Rob's] career — like whether or not there will be some kind of crazy backlash or something," the source says.

Jackson back on 'Idol'

It looks like **Randy Jackson** won't be bounced from the judges' table on "American Idol" after reports leaked that he is close to signing a deal to keep him in his old spot on the hit show, according to Deadline. Rumors had circulated that Jackson would be moved to a "mentor" position for the new season.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Neil Patrick Harris feels bad about not tweeting more, Pink is pleased with the reviews for her new album, Venus Williams is grateful, and Garry Shandling is doing all right, actually.

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3 **Bradley Cooper** took a cruise through Paris in May.

4 Even on a motorcycle, **Paris Hilton** strikes her signature lean-back, look-bored pose.

5 Plop him on a motorcycle, and **Billy Joel** looks like your dad.

6 **Bob Dylan**, on a motorcycle, outside a cafe in Woodstock: How uncool do you feel right now?

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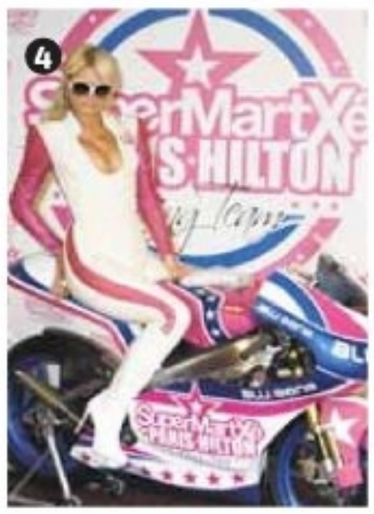

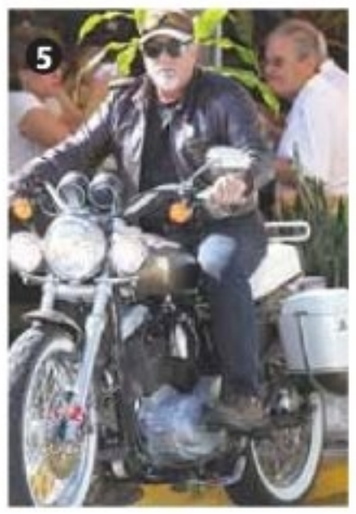

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Being an 'Inbetweener'

In 'The Inbetweeners,' Blake Harrison plays an awkward teenager, and in real life he almost envies him

Playing a socially awkward teenage boy in the new film "The Inbetweeners" was nothing new for actor Blake Harrison. This is not to suggest he's an awkward teenager in real life, but that the film began life as a British television show in 2008, with Harrison playing the part of Neil. Harrison says he had a lot of fun coming back on set to play a character he knew so well, but what he says he enjoyed the most was all the attention the film has received.

"The response to it was brilliant, especially back home in Britain, and it's reached places in Australia and Europe as well," he says.

The dynamic between his fellow "Inbetweeners" is amusing to watch onscreen, and Harrison says they share a similar friendship offscreen.

"We enjoy each other's company, and we make sure to play some sort of joke on someone all the time," he says. "It's a very unprofessional set."

Although he says he doesn't think there is anyone in the world as dumb as Neil, Harrison says he admires his boldness.

"I think I worry too much of what people think of me," he says. "That's my favorite thing about Neil and about playing Neil: He doesn't care about what people think."

Don't look now

Harrison says he loves acting, but hates watching himself on the screen.

"I hate watching what I've done. Like, whenever I watch myself on TV or anything like that, I start picking myself apart to the point where even if the shot is of someone else and I can see the back of my head and the side of my cheek I go 'that was bad acting from me, you know, my cheek's too low in that scene there.' The amount of criticism you give yourself when watching yourself on-screen is horrible."

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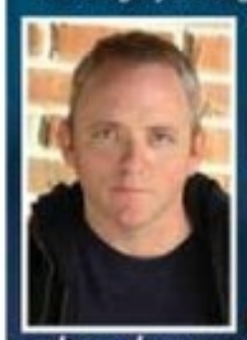
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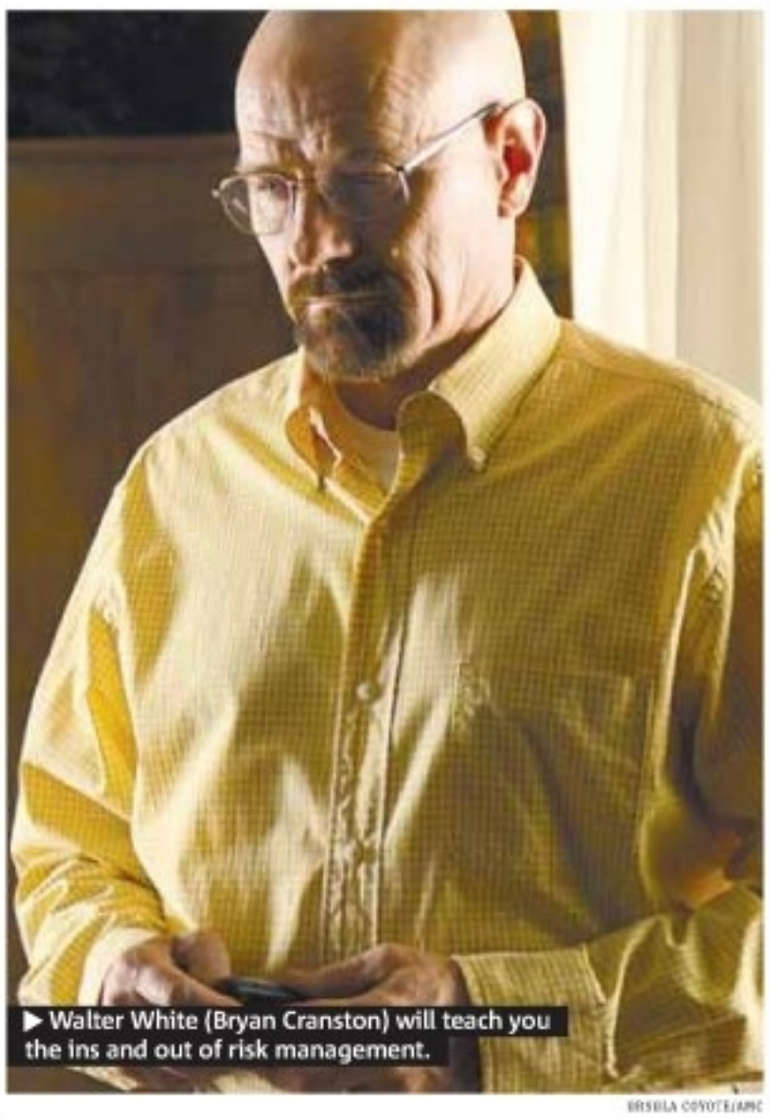
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Syllabus: 'The Price is Right' (any three episodes)
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extend well beyond the family biz. On a recent episode, the police academy cadet gets caught writing two of his classmates' essays for them. When his instructor asks him to fork over the cash he was paid, rather then succumb to authority, Shane senses an angle. "Can't we work something out? This isn't the last assignment you're going to give, is it?" he asks. "Well, you're going to do just fine in the NYPD, aren't you?" the instructor responds conspiratorially. **Lesson:** Lurking behind every problem is an opportunity.

Advertising

Syllabus: Season 1 of 'Mad Men'

AMC's award-winning series may take place in the 1960s, but the golden age of Madison Avenue's mass-persuasion trade can still illuminate, and the show's debut season was packed with nuggets. In "The Wheel," Don Draper (Jon Hamm) pitches Kodak by flipping through his own family photos on their slide projector. "This is not a spaceship, it's a time machine," he explains. "It goes backwards and forwards, and it takes us to a place where we ache to go again. It's not called 'The Wheel. ... It's called 'The Carousel.' It lets us travel around and around and back home again." Welling up with emotion, his colleague has to leave the room. **Lesson:** The best way to sell is by telling a great story.

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Organizational Behavior

Syllabus: 'The Office,' Seasons 1-7

Organizational behavior boils down to getting the most out of your employees. A subset of that is keeping them happy and motivated. The two are meant to go hand-in-hand, but during Michael Scott's reign as Dunder Mifflin's regional manager, he focused solely on the latter — often at the expense of the former. Despite his innumerable ineptitudes as a boss, Scott sincerely cares for the welfare of his team members. As a result, when push comes to shove, they will often rally behind him. **Lesson:** Effective leadership can come from a very defective leader.

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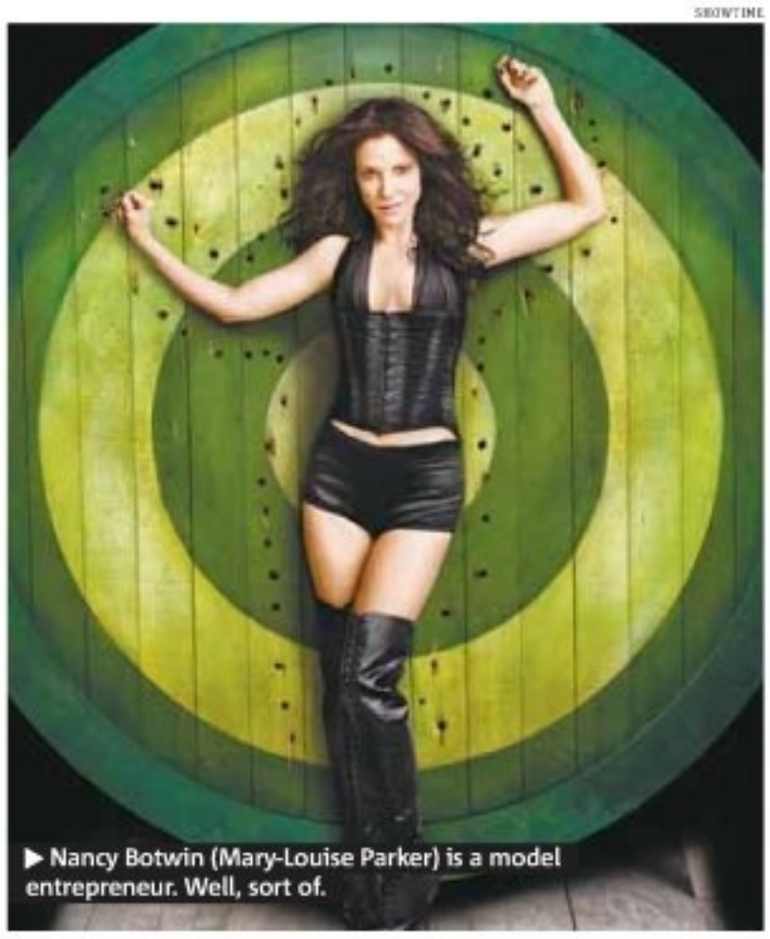

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Lizzy Caplan dissects the 'Bachelorette'

With her new comedy out now, this actress has plenty to say about bridesmaids behaving badly and the ultimate addition to a hen party

Though getting its theatrical release a year after the arrival of "Bridesmaids," "Bachelorette" — starring Kirsten Dunst, Lizzy Caplan and Isla Fischer — was first a stage play, written by Leslye Headland well before the release of Kristen Wiig's smash hit. But the fact that two recent movies deal with begrudgingly single women who booze their way to the altar in support of a happy friend might be saying something about the moment young ladies are having today.

Playing a character in "Bachelorette" who sleeps around, mocks the bride and brings a bottle of baby powder loaded with cocaine to the festivities, Lizzy Caplan understands what could be at the root of all the bad bridesmaid behavior, in her character's case at least.

"I think all of our [characters'] little attitudes and tricks worked really well for us as a clique in high school, and none of that seems to be helping us at all in our adult lives, and yet we keep going back to that same well hoping, 'I stand to regain that success and popularity that we enjoyed in high school,'" Caplan says. "I love my character because what I see in her is not this trash-talking, slutty facade that she presents to the world; I see more of this scared [little girl], very vulnerable and very incapable of showing real emotions or dealing with her feelings."

As with any film that shoots a bachelorette party, there is the inevitable stripper scene. We asked the veteran comedy actress to weigh in on which traditional hen party staples she approves of.

"The bachelorette parties that I've been a part of, we incorporate that stuff. But I don't exactly run with a crowd that a penis straw would really freak them out. [Like], 'We're being so wild tonight!' I don't think that's really gonna shock many of my friends," she says with a laugh. "I am pro-stripper because I really enjoy an uncomfortable situation. And without fail, after the first initial shock of a surprise stripper, it's just uncomfortable — and I get a huge kick out of that."

"I don't exactly run with the crowd that a penis straw would really freak them out." LIZZY CAPLAN

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Voters, not pols, the scariest party

RE: "THE WORD TODDLERS AND THE GOP HAVE IN COMMON" (METRO, SEPT. 10) Letter writer Rachel Garber writes that Mitt Romney "voted against a health care program that is virtually the same one he implemented as governor of Massachusetts." To clarify, Mitt Romney has never "voted" for anything.

The only elective office he has ever held was governor, so he has never been in a position to vote — only to veto. The order of the letters in those four-letter words is an important distinction. Ignorant and/or careless people who are of voting age and eligibility during the upcoming election scare me more than the prospect of a Romney administration.

KIRBY L. JOHNSON, VIA E-MAIL

The eyes of all are upon our antics

I believe that our president should be one whose interest is in citizens and country first, one who will serve with dignity. The fact that one insults the other before millions of voters shouldn't be of importance. The USA is suppose to be representative of the world. I can only imagine what others outside of the USA are saying as they are watching the candidates run in this important race.

BILLA BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

Turns out, Clinton had it easy

RE: "LOVE'S LABORS LOST TO LEFT HATE-SLINGING" (METRO, SEPT. 10) Conn Carroll says that Clinton formed bipartisan compromises with Republicans. What he forgot to mention is that neither Newt Gingrich, nor any of his fellow Republicans, stated that their goals were not to fix America's problems, but to get Clinton to fail. How can Obama compromise with people prompted to say "no" to any proposal? Republicans opposed Clinton's health reform; Obama took in account proposals they made to Clinton's reform; then they said "no"! **JEAN KAZADI, SALEM, MASS.**

Some violence isn't about politics

RE: "COLUMN RAISES KANE ON HOW BOTH SIDES TREAT FEMALE POLS" (METRO, SEPT. 11) In response to letter writer Douglass Brown's about anti-female hate speech: Your letter's constant use of the phrase "wrong-wing" gave me a headache. Just awkward and poor writing. More importantly, Jared Loughner, the man who shot Congresswomen Gabby Giffords, was not a conservative! He was schizophrenic, and hated women, but he wasn't motivated by Sarah Palin's stupid website or by any right-wing agenda. He was simply insane.

JOIA MITCHELL, VIA E-MAIL

Keep it up, everyone

RE: "WHY YOU NEED TO HAVE MORE SEX" (METRO, SEPT. 12) Kudos to Linda Clarke on her succinct but spot-on article about sexual vitality and its connection to overall health. I'm 47, recently entered into an emotionally and physically loving relationship, and I feel better than I have in years. Even if my boyfriend didn't say so, I'd know that I'm better in bed than men half my age. Keep it up!

DAVID WEBB, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** It's admirable of you to be compassionate and charitable to persons who are less fortunate than you. However, be practical.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't be surprised if a couple of friends turn to you for help when it comes to a problem that they can't unravel. You'll know how to resolve issues.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** It is quite likely that you'll have a slight edge over your adversaries in a competitive development. However, your margin of error is rather thin.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It might prove to be beneficial to try to communicate with an old friend who is presently residing at a new, distant location, if you've got something he might be interested in.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** The chances of achieving an important objective are likely to be better today than they will be tomorrow. Don't put anything off if it can easily be taken care of right now.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Pay heed to your mate's suggestions if a decision regarding a matter of mutual concern has to be made sooner rather than later. The added perspective could prove to be just what the doctor ordered.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** A project that you're undertaking with another has plenty of promising potential. However, both parties must be patient, because the rewards will be slow in coming.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Don't think less of opportunities that presently offer only small rewards because with time, some of them could turn out quite well. Make sure you have an eye on long-term potential.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** The main reason that most conditions appear to be so promising is because of your ability to overcome difficulties. You're able to accomplish what you envision, and that counts for a lot.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't let a Johnny-come-lately associate try to assume control of an arrangement that you're better equipped to handle. Stand up for what you know is not only fair but also best.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Trust your innate business acumen because it's the asset that will put you in the black. You're adroit at handling both your pennies and dollars.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Others are likely to find the example you're setting to be an excellent one, mostly because they'll see you taking your responsibilities seriously.

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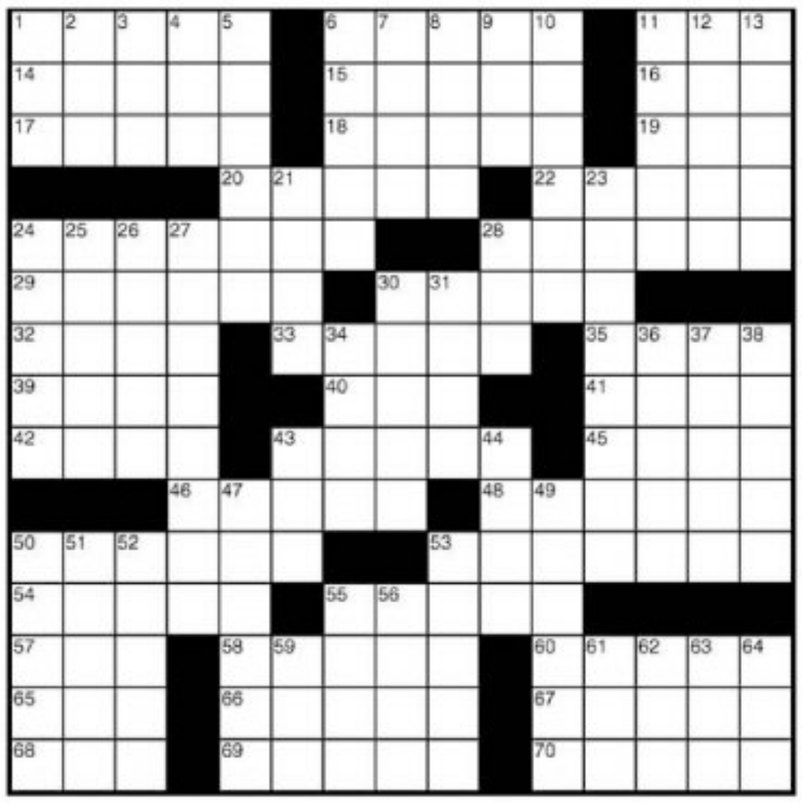

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Able to Shojo a good time

On a quest for a neverending river of sake? Look no further than this new Chinatown hangout But you will want to try more than just sake

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For all the charm of Chinatown, one drawback is that its restaurants tend to be as cramped and ramshackle as its streets. I don't care how "authentic" the food is anywhere; eating inside an overly lit, grimly decorated cafeteria-like dining room next to a dusty fake plant is depressing. That's why I'm so excited about Shojo, the new modern Asian spot from the owners of the China Pearl upstairs.

The minimal, industrial-chic room leaves space to breathe, with a handful of high-top tables, and (something that's ever rarer down here) an actual a 10-seater bar with a full liquor license. Walking through the door feels like you're stepping out of the bustle of the streets into another place; Cambridge, to be precise. But a large mural on the tall stone wall depicting the story of Shojo, the mythical half-man, half-monkey on a trek through the world for the never-ending river of sake, is a reminder of where its heart is. (Side note: I want to party with that dude.)

Also breaking the traditional mold for the neighborhood, bar manager Markus Yiao has put together a bar program that would be impressive anywhere in the city, with spirit-forward cocktails like the Rickshaw Express, made with Pierre Ferrand 1840 Cognac, Sandeman ruby port and Berg & Hauk Jerry Thomas Bitters.

"I want to stick to the traditional Manhattan and Old Fashioned formulas," he says. "Spirit, bitter, sugar, water."

Refreshing to hear. Most importantly, says Yiao, is that no matter what type of drink he mixes, there's always potential to make it a step above the rest: "I realized that making a good drink for your guest sometimes has nothing to do with your skills, but your attention to details and effort to try."

Keeping that in mind, you can even make an amazing vodka cranberry, he says. Sometimes you take what the guest tells you, and return with something better than they expected. With that he turns to the wisdom of a great man: "Bruce Lee said, 'Be water, my friend.'"

ERIN BALDASSARI/METRO

▶ These women appear skeptical of the story of this restaurant's namesake, depicted on the wall.

What to drink

Try a cocktail

Shojo opened with a spirit-driven list, but Markus Yiao has balanced out the menu with citrus-based cocktails that still manage to stand out, like the gimlet-style Reiko Green. "We do stand out in Chinatown," Yiao agrees. "First, we don't know how to make sushi, and second, we don't want to make sake cocktails — although sometimes we do."

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Forget the dancing and DJs of its former incarnation as Redline: **Park** invites relaxation on couches in its book-lined "library" corner. Share the "casting of toasts," a crostini platter that pairs roasted mushroom with Tallegio, shrimp with smoked tomato chutney and mozzarella with pesto. A more substantial plate, Park's chickpea burger has a nice kick from a spicy remoulade and slivers of crisp fennel.

The aptly named **Living Room** has couches throughout the window-lined bar and serves its full dinner menu until 1 a.m. It gets clubby late at night, with more couch-seating opening up in the "VIP" area. Alongside American bar bites, there's great comfort food. Try the tender IPA-battered cod!

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PARK

▶ Park life: It's hard to believe that this relaxing place used to be a place where meatheads danced.

If you go

Chocolate and couches are perfect companions: Hawthorne's chocolate pot de crème is finished with espresso and Galliano; Park's chocolate pate has chocolate mousse and fruit compote; and the Living Room's frozen chocolate banana adds refreshing mint chocolate chip ice cream.

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Top 5 films

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▶ Milla Jovovich psyches up to kick some undead butt in "Resident Evil: Retribution."

1 'Resident Evil: Retribution'
Milla Jovovich returns as Alice to the fifth installment of this series based on the Capcom survival horror game. This time she continues to hunt those who unleashed the virus that renders most of the population undead.

2 'Finding Nemo' 3-D
This beloved 2003 Disney film about a clown fish in search of his dad gets a 3-D update.

3 'The Words'
Bradley Cooper stars as a struggling author who finally writes a best-selling book. When it becomes apparent that he'd stolen the story from another man, he must face the consequences of his ambition.

4 'The Cold Light of Day'
A Wall Street man's family gets kidnapped while on vacation in Spain, and suddenly a group of intelligence agents come after him in search of a briefcase.

5 'Lawless'
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Gene Simmons talks KISS fans, No. 1 albums and why only the best are allowed on their stage, which he calls the Electric Church, of course

▶ "KISS has a philosophy few other bands have," says Simmons, far left, "and that's to give the fans bang for their bucks."

For almost four decades, the iconic circus collectively known as KISS has been thrilling the masses, with their trend-defining, still wildly absurd amalgam of muscular, no-nonsense rock music and dark fantasy theatrics. Now, after an up-and-down history that saw their legacy rise, fall and rise once more, KISS are not only deeply ingrained in the collective pop-culture fabric, but they are at the top of their creative game.

Their latest album — the 20th studio album, in fact — is called, appropriately, "Monster," and while not due in stores until mid-October, the band hit the road this summer, demolishing stages across the U.S. and Canada with fellow hard-rockers Motley Crue. "The Tour," as it's boldly calling itself, condenses both bands' performances into two 90-minute sets, but, as KISS co-founder and media gadfly Gene Simmons insists, KISS won't be skimping on any of their patented blood, bombs and pyro.

"KISS has a philosophy few other bands have," says Simmons, who is 62 and still swinging from wires and vomiting gore.

"And that's to give the fans bang for their bucks. Not just our show, but making sure anyone on the bill with us is worthy of being on hallowed ground, the Electric Church, the KISS stage. For us, the power and the bombast and, yes, the roar of the crowd and the smell of the greasepaint is what it's all about."

What KISS are also all about is the way the band has transcended the fate of many of their classic-rock ilk who are content to tour the hits and pander to the generation that first found them. Instead, a typical KISS audience contains a cross section of fans of every age, with KISS Army lifers sharing space with kids, their faces painted to honor their larger-than-life heroes.

"The KISS Army is a living, breathing thing," says Simmons, who has never been known for a lack of confidence.

Combine that with international omnipresence, sold-out stadiums and an anticipated new album, and Simmons has every right to brag.

"We have every intention of making 'Monster' a No. 1 album," Simmons states matter-of-factly. "If you're a world champion, and if you have the heart of a lion, you will stay in the ring. If not, pack up and go home."

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Shout it out loud

Simmons says he always enjoys the way KISS fans get in the spirit for concerts.

▶ "You can't put your finger on it. Through the decades, the fans have always showed up wearing our makeup, some of them tattooed with our faces all over their bodies, and now, with children in tow, who are named after our songs. And when we do the KISS KRUISE in Halloween in the Bahamas, it's a gathering of the tribes." Yes, you heard that right, a real-deal KISS KRUISE, one of thousands of branded events and products that bear the band's seal of grandiose approval.

Also onstage

The Addison Groove Project

Saturday, 8 p.m.
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The first show for this local band since 2007, their smooth mix of jazz, funk and quirky humor kept them solidly in the oft-maligned jam-band genre. But it would be a shame to write them off for this — their arrangements and chops are amazing.

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MBA world tour

Why West is best: MBAs thrive in North America

Despite impressive attempts elsewhere, the US and Europe remain influential That's because of an historic legacy of MBA research work

Despite great advancements in the ambitions of business schools in other regions, respectable international MBA rankings reveal a simple truth: North American and Western European business schools dominate the MBA world as much now as ever before. Ross Geraghty looks into why.

IMAGE SOURCE

▶ North America and Western European schools retain their status.

In TopMBA.com's MBA employer rating, the QS Global 200 Business Schools Report 2012, 82 business schools feature in North America, 67 in Europe, 36 in Asia-Pacific, and 10 in Latin America. Further, looking at the various global MBA rankings available, it's not common for a business school outside of North America and Western Europe to appear in the top 20 MBA-providing institutions.

"As countries such as China and South Africa increasingly feature in global economic discussion, MBA applicants are attracted to business schools with a cultural understanding and close ties with local employers," explains Nunzio Quacquarelli, managing director of QS Quacquarelli Symonds and author of the Applicant Survey 2012.

"However, at the same time, the top 10 MBA study destinations retain a strong lead in popularity amongst MBA applicants and are almost exclusively Western nations. The only exception is Singapore, a nation well-known for offering Western business ideals, as well as strong business education links to Western Europe."

North America's strong business education history

The MBA began in America, of course, with Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth creating the first management program in 1900, and Harvard Business School with the first actual MBA in 1908. Chicago introduced the executive MBA in 1943 while, in 1950, the University of Western Ontario's Richard Ivey School of Business became the first business school outside the U.S. to offer an MBA.

For Professor Sridhar Balasubramanian, associate dean for the MBA program at the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School, this educational heritage is an essential reason for the dominance of North American schools.

Quoted:

"Attracting scholars to kickstart the process can be difficult." BALASUBRAMANIAN

"A key reason for this dominance is the role of business research, the development of theories and concepts, the establishment of important empirical findings, and the publication of impactful books.

"The research culture that supports research productivity has been nurtured over time. This culture cannot be transplanted or mandated. It has to be built from the ground up. But attracting an accomplished cohort of scholars to 'kickstart' the process can be difficult."

Recognition by the major accrediting bodies, the U.S.-based AACSB, Europe's EQUIS and UK-based AMBA, coupled with a strong reputation amongs recruiters, are major factors. This is not to say that Asian business schools will not compete to some extent, particularly with domestic recruiters, for business talent but, as Sauder's Chandrashekaran continues: "The consequence of this well-established tradition is a global acceptance of North American and European MBA and other business degrees as valuable commodities in the global job market."

In short, for better or for worse, approaching a recruiter with an MBA from long-established North American or Western European school carries more weight than an MBA from a fledgling school based elsewhere, in the minds of some international MBA recruiters.

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Mean business

World's top MBA schools in Boston

Some of the leading MBA schools in the Northeast and from across the world will be at an event in Boston today.

The QS World MBA Tour event is held at the Backbay Events Center, with registration for potential students open starting at 4 p.m.

Schools signed on to attend include Boston University, Boston College, Carnegie Mellon, George Washington John Hopkins, UCLA Anderson, London Business School, MIP and many more.

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The Asian and Pacific MBAs

The two major power blocs in the MBA world are being strongly tested by the rise in ambition, in quality and in resources of Asian business schools. In 2004, there were only 10 Asia-Pacific schools in the QS Global 200 Business Schools Report, The region now sports 36.

Simon Evenett, academic director of the St Gallen MBA says: "Across Asia, universities are investing considerable sums both to retain their best students and to [attract] overseas talent keen to take advantage of opportunities in emerging markets, no one should be surprised as the balance slowly shifts."

Professor Balasubramanian at UNC Kenan-Flagler agrees: "With the entry of new, often privately managed, business schools outside North America and Western Europe, the competitive scenario is changing, and these schools are also transforming themselves much more rapidly than they have in the past."

As emerging economies become developed economies, and with a recruiting class that is beginning to realize the benefits of having highly educated business leaders to deal with that development, it will be interesting to see how many years it takes until Asian business schools achieve relative parity with Europe, as European schools have achieved with their North American counterparts.

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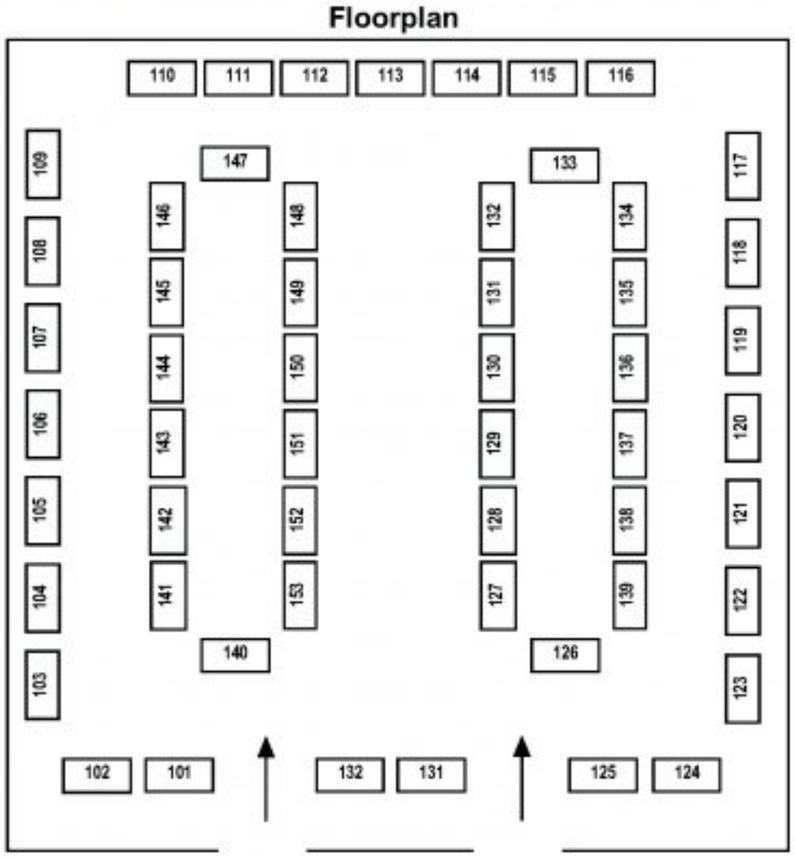

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MBA WORLD TOUR

Keep it simple, sincere and accurate: MBA chief

Applying to the wrong business school isn't the best way to earn a place in the program MBA heads give advice on the application process

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Be careful ...

While a successful MBA application can change a person's life for the better, all too often, those seeking to enter business school take shortcuts and make silly mistakes in their applications.

"Guanghua Management School is the name of our neighbor," says Jia Ma, IMBA marketing and admissions director at Beijing's School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University. "One time I read an application saying, 'I am determined to join the Guanghua Management School at Tsinghua University.' Obviously the applicant had used the same essay in applications to both schools ... We didn't invite him for an interview."

The resounding advice from most schools regarding the application is to keep things simple, be sincere, and be accurate.

What do business schools look for?

Nick Barniville, of ESMT European School of Management and Technology, says: "The first [question] is whether the applicant's expectations are likely to be met by our program."

"The second is whether the experience of fellow students in the cohort would be enhanced by having this particular applicant in their class; [and] the third is whether the applicant is likely to enhance the reputation of the program and the school."

More important than the essays however, says Barniville, is the résumé. "The CV is probably the most important element: It is the first knock-out criteria for our program," he says. "If the candidate does not have enough experience to be able to contribute to the discussion, then he or she will not be accepted on to the program."

Lindsay Duke, of Durham Business School, says that for her, "managerial work experience demonstrated on the CV, followed by academic qualifications," are what counts. But the essays are where there is there is the most opportunity for creativity, and therefore where the margin of error is largest. "Stating that they need a full fee scholarship — and stipend! — in order to study," says Duke, is not the best way to win over an admissions committee. "We expect students to look for their own funding, be it self-funded or looking for external sponsorship," she adds.

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Best ways to qualify

The ideal essay, by those in the know

What a great essay should contain, says Barniville, is "clarity of expression, honesty, openness and some examples of achievement.

"Bland, formulaic essays which tell nothing about the candidate's relationship to people in his or her circles," he adds, give no extra weight to the application.

The essay should act as a primer for the discussion that takes place in the formal interview. Highlighting the fit between the applicant and the school is more valuable than simply taking achievements and overemphasizing them.

The most common error is the tendency of many applicants to MBA programs to second-guess the admissions committee. "Contrary to some myths, the admissions committee is not looking for a standard template; candidates need to avoid writing what they think the admissions committee would like to hear," says Barniville.

Introducing personal information as well as professional then, without becoming too mundane and formulaic, does not equate to wandering off topic. And the final word from Barniville at ESMT?

"Spell every word like it means life or death. There is no excuse for misspelling words — it's a sign of laziness."

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TIGHT END OBSESSION

Belichick has been infatuated with TE position for decades Coach gushes about Gronk, Mark Bavaro

Forgive Bill Belichick for obsessing over tight ends since he became a head coach in the NFL.

But blame former Giants tight end Mark Bavaro.

When Belichick was a defensive coordinator for the Giants, his defense, led by prolific linebackers Carl Banks and Lawrence Taylor, would line up against Bavaro daily in practice.

"That was a war, that was a war," Belichick recalled. "And Banks and Taylor will tell you that."

Those days are gone now, but Belichick longed for them. Although he's known as a defensive genius, when he became head coach of the Browns, he made every effort to find a clone of Bavaro, a guy he raves was, "Great in the red zone, tough, played great in big games, didn't make any mental mistakes. He was always at the point of attack and you could always count on him."

"The day I met Bill Belichick, all he cared about was tight ends," said former Browns director of player personnel Mike Lombardi, on a recent ESPN podcast. "I met him in 1991 when he was the head coach of the Cleveland Browns. He came in and was looking for the next Mark Bavaro on that day and we were in search for tight ends."

Quoted

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Call the Bavaro-mold tight end Belichick's "white whale." The position seems to have been overlooked by some NFL teams for a while, but for Belichick, its importance can't be overstated.

"Well, I just think a tight end is involved in a lot of plays," Belichick said. "He's involved in the running game; he's involved in the passing game; he's in the middle of the field; he's involved in pass protection. There really aren't hardly any plays where that guy is out of the play. He's the central guy in pretty much whatever you want to do. And the more versatile he is, the more things he can do, defensively the harder it is to defend."

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▶ Rob Gronkowski is well on his way to becoming this century's Mark Bavaro.

The new-age tight end

World, meet Rob Gronkowski — and Aaron Hernandez for good measure. Opposing defenses can't handle the versatility of either, and the Pats are reaping the benefits.

So, has Belichick found his white whale? Metro asked him what similarities Gronkowski shares with Bavaro.

"All the obvious things: tough, strong, physical, good catch radius, tall, good in the red zone," Belichick said. "Mark was a tremendous player. In my opinion, there aren't many — I don't know if there's a more complete tight end than Mark Bavaro."

Not yet.

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Elite tight ends

How Rob Gronkowski compares with Mark Bavaro:

In a pass-happy NFL, Gronk's numbers dwarf Bavaro's through two years. The Pats tight end had 132 receptions, 1,873 yards and 27 TDs and Bavaro had 103 receptions, 1,512 yards and eight TDs.

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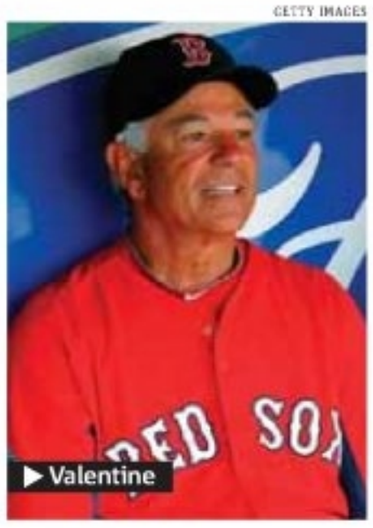

▶ Valentine

Bobby V remains upbeat despite uncertain status

Most believe that Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine is managing his final few weeks in the big leagues. Valentine himself is not a part of that group.

Asked if he thought he would be managing the Red Sox in 2013, Valentine responded with a positive outlook.

"It's not up to me, but I think I will be, yeah. And beyond," Valentine told WEEI sports radio in his weekly interview yesterday. "Why would I say that I want to be here for 2013 as though that's going to be the end of something? That will be the continuation and hopefully the beginning of something really special. Why would I think it's going to be a year's job?" **MATT BURKE**

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2013 Red Sox schedule released

Adrian Gonzalez, Josh Beckett and Carl Crawford will get a chance for revenge against the Red Sox Aug. 23-25 in 2013, according to the 2013 MLB schedule, which was released yesterday.

Boston will open up its 2013 slate against the Yankees in the Bronx on Monday, April 1. The home opener will be Monday, April 8 against Baltimore.

The Houston Astros, who are making the jump from the National League to the American League, visit Fenway April 25-28 and the Red Sox will be in Houston Aug. 5-7.

The Red Sox will face teams from the NL West in the interleague portion of their slate with Colorado (June 25-26), San Diego (July 2-4) and Arizona (Aug. 2-4) all visiting Fenway. Boston will visit San Francisco (Aug. 29-21) and Colorado (Sept. 24-25). With Houston switching leagues, there will be 15 teams in each league for the first time. This also means that there will be interleague games played nearly every day throughout the 2013 season. Since the first year of interleague play in 1997, these series have been primarily played in May and June.

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